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Richard Carrier is the renowned author of several books including *Sense and Goodness without God*

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Proving History

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and *On the Historicity of Jesus*

(/web/201607070237/http://www.richardcarrier.info/booksbyRichardCarrier.html#OHJ),

as well as numerous articles online and in print. His avid readers span the world from Hong Kong to Poland. With a Ph.D. in ancient history from Columbia University, he specializes in the modern philosophy of naturalism, humanism, and social justice, the origins of Christianity, and the intellectual history of Greece and Rome, with particular expertise in ancient philosophy, science and technology. He has also become a noted defender of scientific and moral realism, Bayesian reasoning, and the methods and epistemology of history. For more about him and his work visit richardcarrier.info

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The Richard Carrier Exists Tour Begins!

Today I head out across the country. Come visit me on one of my stops!

I am moving to Columbus, Ohio, for good and all. And I'm taking a moving truck and towing my car all the way across country from my current and soon past home in Stockton, California.

Because Christians don't understand how evidence works, they've literally argued

(/web/201607070237/http://rightreason.org/2012/does-richard-carrier-exist/) that there is no more evidence for my existence than there is for the existence of Jesus their Christ. Never mind that that's already wildly false. Here is your chance to see how evidence works, and confirm for yourself, as an eyewitness, that I do indeed exist!

This is a modern-day whistle-stop tour. I'll be driving each day from one major city to the next, and giving a talk, or appearing in some public fashion selling and signing my books, and happily chatting and glad-handing and posing for photos for anyone who wants to verify my historicity.

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1. Jonathan C says

May 24, 2016 at 4:13 am (/web/201607070237/http://freethoughtblogs.com/carrier/archives/10259#comment-1059480)

Hi Rich, I am surprised you survived for as long as you did in Stockton? I have heard it is one of the worst hit places regarding the economy in California and is riddled with crime and drugs etc. BTW, why Columbus? Will any of your talks on your upcoming tour be recorded and posted online? Thanks, John



Richard Carrier (/web/201607070237/http://www.richardcarrier.info/) says

May 28, 2016 at 11:18 am (/web/201607070237/http://freethoughtblogs.com/carrier/archives/10259#comment-1059491)

Yes, some were recorded but not all, and some video and some just audio. Keep your eye out for those.

Why Columbus? Things (/web/201607070237/http://freethoughtblogs.com/carrier/archives/10259#comment-1059487).

Stockton? In actual fact, the news makes everything sound scarier than it is. I lived in one of the worst neighborhoods for over year and I was fine. The worst to worry about is petty crime. Which can be harmful financially, but it's not life threatening. I hear more gunfire nightly in Richmond. Almost none ever in Stockton. Most of the "crime" is drug related; thus, created by government Prohibition.

And as far as the poverty, which is indeed bad, Stockton is on the upturn, and most poor people by far are law-abiding. Indeed I'd bet if a study were done, the rate of criminality probably increases with wealth (when you count all forms of white collar crime including non-petty tax evasion and fraud).



2. Shivam Brahmin says

May 24, 2016 at 10:09 pm (/web/201607070237/http://freethoughtblogs.com/carrier/archives/10259#comment-1059481)

Are you in advising Robert Price in his upcoming debate with Ehrman, particularly the material in your last Ehrman rebuttal?



Richard Carrier (/web/201607070237/http://www.richardcarrier.info/) says

May 28, 2016 at 11:09 am (/web/201607070237/http://freethoughtblogs.com/carrier/archives/10259#comment-1059490)

That's a long way off. I doubt he needs advice. But I'll help if I can.



3. cdaj9e3voqacjak566z says

May 25, 2016 at 2:19 pm (/web/201607070237/http://freethoughtblogs.com/carrier/archives/10259#comment-1059482)

Hi Richard Carrier,

So the ancient Jews were Judaizing Hellenism rather than Hellenizing Judaism? Are they just two sides of the same coin in the historical case?

I don't think you could have been invented so quickly. But if there was a conspiracy...I think there were probably many minimalist historians minted who grew up knowing the patriarchs were mythical.

Laurence Crossen



Richard Carrier (/web/201607070237/http://www.richardcarrier.info/) says

May 28, 2016 at 11:05 am (/web/201607070237/http://freethoughtblogs.com/carrier/archives/10259#comment-1059489)

I don't know what you are referring to.



4. Ironymuch says

May 25, 2016 at 7:36 pm (/web/201607070237/http://freethoughtblogs.com/carrier/archives/10259#comment-1059483)

Uhh... That post questioning your existence was a satire of your arguments. Sorry to break it to you.



Richard Carrier (/web/201607070237/http://www.richardcarrier.info/) says

May 28, 2016 at 11:04 am (/web/201607070237/http://freethoughtblogs.com/carrier/archives/10259#comment-1059488)

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The satire only works if they believe the analogy holds.

If in fact the evidence for my existence is good, in precisely the ways it isn't for Jesus, the analogy doesn't hold.

So at best, they are writing a satire of themselves.

Which of course they were not doing. They actually think their argument holds. That's why they think it's a satire of me and not them.



Minus says

May 25, 2016 at 8:26 pm (/web/201607070237/http://freethoughtblogs.com/carrier/archives/10259#comment-1059484)

Why-o Ohio?



Richard Carrier (/web/201607070237/http://www.richardcarrier.info/) says

May 28, 2016 at 11:02 am (/web/201607070237/http://freethoughtblogs.com/carrier/archives/10259#comment-1059487)

Maximum concentration of girlfriends. Better living at less expense. Better geographic location for speaking tours. But mostly I girlfriends.



Matthew Prorok (/web/201607070237/http://inaweofeverything.blogspot.com/) says

May 26, 2016 at 12:07 pm (/web/201607070237/http://freethoughtblogs.com/carrier/archives/10259#comment-1059485)

Looking forward to welcoming you to Columbus! It's a great city.



cdaj9e3voqacjak566z says

May 28, 2016 at 5:58 pm (/web/201607070237/http://freethoughtblogs.com/carrier/archives/10259#comment-1059495)

In response to Richard Carrier: "I don't know what you are referring to."

Sorry, I did not express myself well.

I was referring to the "they've literally argued" link you gave in this post, which said:

"He is also supposed to be relatively young, which makes him one of, say, 3,000 or so History Ph. D.s to have been minted in the past five years... Of the 3,000 or so History Ph.D.s minted in the last five years, and... how many are mythicists? It's a pre safe bet that the number is close to zero." So I said; "I think there were probably many minimalist historians minted who grew knowing the patriarchs were mythical." And I think there are many millions of people ready to learn and recognize that Jesus was not in origin a historical person.

Referring to your demonstrations that Christianity could have been invented in a short period of time I said; "I don't think you could have been invented so quickly. But if there was a conspiracy...")

In at least one of your talks I heard you say that the ancient Israelite's Judaized elements of Greco-Roman tradition. So I wonder, "So the ancient Jews were Judaizing Hellenism rather than Hellenizing Judaism? Are they just two sides of the same syncretistic coin in this historical case?" Did Philo see himself as Judaizing Hellenism or Hellenizing Judaism?

-Laurence Crossen



Alif says

May 28, 2016 at 11:56 pm (/web/201607070237/http://freethoughtblogs.com/carrier/archives/10259#comment-1059496)

hullo dr carrier

U cud easily du lectures at OSU <https://religion.osu.edu/> (/web/201607070237/https://religion.osu.edu/)



cdaj9e3voqacjak566z says

May 29, 2016 at 9:20 am (/web/201607070237/http://freethoughtblogs.com/carrier/archives/10259#comment-1059497)

The only way the Christians could maintain the historicity of Jesus was to ignore the issue and maintain the assumption.

Fortunately, Richard Carrier is not going away and the more Christians engage him the more unmistakable it becomes that Jesus never existed.

-Laurence Crossen